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**THE EURASIANIST  
RUSSIAN CARD AT  
WORK IN IRAN  
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## Eurasianist theories play soft power in Iran

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The pragmatic dimension of eurasianism in the Russian political thought of the 1990's allowed the first reconciliation between the Russian Federation and Iran which led to the alliance of the two forces in Syria. The resurgent geopolitical idea of an "Iranian world" and Iran's growing influence with its neighboring countries only came to light after the fall of the USSR. The eurasianist ideology, with Russia at the center of Eurasia, places Islam's role and the Muslim world at its centerpiece. The eurasianist soft power existing in Iran since a few decades plays its card through numerous networks, not without provoking division among the political factions in Iran. But despite the chaotic and unpredictable relations between Russia and Iran, the bilateral disputes and Iran's mistrust of its northern neighbor, the points of convergence between the two powers had never seem so numerous as they are today.

